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SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH VIEW THAT REFERENCE TO TRANS ATLANTIC DIALOGUE (TAD) SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED IN DRAFT SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE (PARA 15, REFTEL), WE HAVE DRAWN UP A REVISED PARA 21 OF THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (PARA 17, REFTEL). NEW PARA 21 TEXT PREPARED WITH VIEW ALSO TO PROVIDING SUITABLE LEAD-IN MATERIAL TO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP) PORTION OF COMMUNIQUE.

2. SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) SCHEDULED CONSIDER DRAFT COMMUNIQUE AGAIN ON MORNING OF MAY 24. WITH WASHINGTON'S CONCURRENCE, WE COULD CIRCULATE NEW LANGUAGE FOR PARA 21 OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE AT THAT TIME.

3. SUGGESTED NEW LANGUAGE FOR PARA 21 OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS:

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UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT PROVES POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A SATISFACTORY MILITARY BALANCE AT LOWER LEVELS OF FORCES THROUGH REALISTIC AND VERIFIABLE FORCE REDUCTION AGREEMENTS, THE ALLIES WILL CONTINUE TO MODERNIZE AND STRENGTHEN THEIR OWN FORCES TO THE EXTENT THEY CONSIDER JUSTIFIED FOR DETERRENCE AND DEFENSE. RECOGNIZING THAT PROVISION OF THE NEW GENERATION OF WEAPONRY WILL

REQUIRE THE BEST USE OF THEIR DEFENSE RESOURCES, THE ALLIES AGREED THAT A GOOD START HAS BEEN MADE IN THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE DIRECTED AT DEEPENED COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS. HEIGHTENED ASSOCIATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA IN RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND PROCUREMENT OF ARMAMENTS WOULD LEAD TO STRONGER ALLIED DEFENSE CAPABILITY WHILE REDUCING REDUNDANT PROCUREMENT EXPENDITURES. IT WOULD ALSO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ALLIED FORCES THROUGH ENHANCED INTER-OPERABILITY AND STANDARDIZATION OF EQUIPMENT AND LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM EQUIPMENT PLANNING PROCEDURES. FURTHER-MORE, THIS COOPERATION COULD ADVANCE THE GOALS OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. GLITMAN

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